CRITICAL CONSIDERATION OF IE PIANO AND PIANO PLAYING.

THE COMING OF MISS MAUD POWELL

paper a few days ago, a rather violent attack upon the "planoforte," in which that respected and valued friend of the cert, which was to have been given here next Friday evening, and the substitution of the Powell concert in the Metropolitan series, while in some sort a disappointment, has, as a matter of fact,
met with general approval. The arrangement is merely a transposition of dates.
Miss Powell, under the original arrangemont, would have appeared here in March, and now Rosenthal will fill that
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date.

The Powell concert would have been the last of the season, and a specially strong cast had been organized for it. The name of Maud Powell will recur very readily to the musical reader. She holds a prominent place among the great artists of the world, standing absolutely unexcelled among the violinists of this country. She is not only a great virtuo-so, but a composer of decided merit. She will play here upon a fine Amati violin, and as James Huncker, the prominent musical critic, has remarked, "the instrument and the artist are well instrument and the artist are

that respected and valued friend of the musical public was described as an instrument quite unsuited to a large room and altogether inappropriate to the situation when used in combination with the orchestra. Well, Beethoven did not take this view of the plane a good many years ago, nor does the general public take it now, for the "instrument," as dear Jane Austen loved to call it, continues to grow in favor; and it is really quite, extraordinary what large audiences "gather" in matched."

Miss Frances Miller, a brilliant dramatic soprane; Mrs. Tirza Hamien, a well-known contraito; Mr. Williams, a prominent tenor soloist; Signor Clements Genova, an Italian basso, and Mr. Jacques Friedberger, a planist whose recitals in New York recently called forth high encomiums from the press and public. Season tickets for the remaining concerts of the series, and single tickets for the Powell concert, will be on sale at the store of Messrs. Walter D. Moses & Co. to-morrow, and since



MR. DIGBY BELL.

Tound" to hear again and again the same pieces played in different ways. In the early days of the plano, doubtless people came to marvel; in these times my impression is that people come as much to compare as to enjoy. We are all critics now, whether we are paid for it or not; and comparison is as the breath of life to us. New planists are from time to time thrown to us by enterprising "agents," as early Christians were flung to the lions, and we tear their renderings. If not them, to pieces with the voracity of untamed animals. And what lion that ever ramped and roard is half so merchless as your educated young lady who has browsed for two or three years on Chopin and Schumanin, who has her own conception of the "March of David's Bundler," and her own notion of the precise time at which the last movement of the "Moonlight" sonata should be taken?

As to the plano being unfit for a big room, who shall agree with such a verdict that has heard Coenan play upon a Kikman, Sauer on an Ibach, or Paderswist and Reisensauer on a Steinway? Surely, we get enough sound from them to satisfy even our mere barbaric passien for noise, which, by the way, is getting altogether out of hand. I notice audiences almost as much as I notice those who entertain them, and the eagenness of modern audiences for mere noise rivals that of the savage. A good row is what they wait for, and the drawback of our love of the mode, and the drawback of our love of the mode, and the drawback of our love of the mode, and the drawback of our love of the mode, and the drawback of our love of our love of the modernate in their moderation as as immoderate in their moderation as as immoderate in their moderation. They, as it were, shrink into themselves until one is reminded of the say snall. And the shy snall is not the beau Keal of what an artist should be.

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of the author, Charles H. Hoyt, with a view of harmonizing the interpolated numbers and specialties with the atmosphere of the comedy, so that perfect congruity would prevail, and in no particular have the proprieties been violated, of the picture destroyed by the lugging it of irrelevant specialties. This is also characteristic of the scenery and accessories which were natural by the scients. sories, which were painted by the scient artist of all Mr. Hoyt's productions, Mr Arthur Voegtlin.

Mr. Hoyt studied all of the character from life, and all lived, and many o them still live, in the township o Charlestown, N. H., where Mr. Hoyt was terwards espoused, has joined the great majority, as has the Squire and the Vil-



MRS LAURA JOYCE BELL.

MRS. LAURA tion which it speedily attained. The long list of names connected with the development of art in the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries is a mighty roil-call, and among these the names of the great violin-makers, beginning with Gaspard de Salo, of Brescia, who first raised a rude craft to an art, are worthy of being included. From Brescia came the masters who established the Cremona school; a name not only immortal in the history of music, but full of vital significance; for it was not till the violin was perfected, and a distinct school of violin-playing founded, that the creation of the symphony—the highest form of music-became possible.

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tor of one of the fashionable churches ter of one of the fashionable churches in the city of Boston, and the City Lawyer is now one of Boston's leading legal luminaries, whom the minister's sister shortly after the event set forth in the comedy, married. The Bank Teller, Ned Oleott, afterwards married Anne Grey, and they still reside at the Squire's old home. Ned has succeeded as the president of the bank. The Villainous Bank Cashier died in prison, and "Spot" (dear old "Spot"), Miss Lizzie's dog, is still alive, and the Deacon's constant, faithful companion.

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THE CAMBRIA BRANCH RAILROAD SCHEME REVIVED.

The Line Would Tap Fine Coal Deposits-Resigned-The Contec Ques tion Settled for the Present-Personals and Briefs.

BLACKSBURG, December 5 .- (Special.) Miss Neilie McBryde, of Lexington, Va., the charming daughter of Dr. R. J. Mc-Bryde, is now visiting her cousin, Miss Susie McBryde, and will, it is hoped, re-

Miss Merrick, of Albemarle, a sister of the popular cadet, George T. Merrick, spent a few days here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kipps.

The Misses Klope, who are attending the State Normal School at Farmville, Va., after a few days spent at their home, have returned to their duties. Mrs. Fannie P. Campbell, after spending wo weeks with her son and daughter, at the institute, left on yesterday for Farmille, Va., where she will visit Colonel and Mrs J P Fitzgerald. The many friends of Judge Waller R.

staples are gratified to learn that he is improved in health, and will soon be at his home, in Christlansburg.

THE RAILROAD SCHEME. I hear that the project of building the allroad to connect this place with the Norfolk and Western at Cambria is really he building of the road will make it pay well. It is certain that it will tap magwell. It is certain that it will tap magnificent deposits of a semi-bituminous oal which for betting purposes is not urpassed by any in the State. Over it, oo, vast quantities of fine timber, which low, owing to the expense of transportation, is not marketable, will find a ready ale. Indeed, there is a great deal of development in this section which such a and would occasion.

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Mr. John H. Kipps, who for two years as had charge of the college mess, has signed his position. I hear that there are already many applicants for the position. Mr. Kipps will not leave, however, intil after the Christmas holidays. We are glad to know that our community will not lose him as a citizen since he attends to reside here in the future, and cill possibly build.

Mrs. A. H. Luster, who has been visiting the family of Dr. M. H. Johnway, in Athens, Ga. has returned ome after an absence of several weeks. Rev. James M. Holiaday, who has been reaching for a week at Bluefield, is ome again, and will fill his regular appointment on to-morrow.

Mr. Payis Ayres of Salem, Va. spent

nent on to-morrow.

Davis Ayres, of Salem. Va., spent days this week with his daughter.

irs. Holladny. Mrs. David C. Shanks and children are

wants District Tattorneyship. Among the many applicants for the disrict attorneyship, under Mr. McKinley a Mr. Charles A. Heermans, of Christaneburg. Mr. Heermans is a lawyer of sany years' experience; has been Comonwealth's Attorney of the county. The question of coatee or no coatee as been ardently debated at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute for some weeks, fiter much discussion persuasion, and igh hopes of obtaining it, the authorites have decided the matter in the negative, at least, for the present. It has been formally announced by the uthorities at the institute that Christmas acation will commence on December the 2d. As this is very little more than two vecks off, the students are already planning and preparing for going home. Our shops too, are commencing to put on holiday attire. The merchants have aid in their Christmas goods, toys, and freworks, and their stores look quite and high through Thanksgiving-Day will come to a timely end at Christmas. Turkeys are lower with us than they have ever been. They can be readily bought for 6 cents per pound in the eathers. orthers.

Mr. A. A. Phlegar, of Christiansburg, is thesent in Norfolk, whither he was called by the serious illness of his son, Mr. D.

Southwest Virginia, while infinitely prefering to any man her own gifted son, Major .J Hoge Tyler, can readily en-derse either Mr. Ellyson or Congressman Jones, for they are both good men and true, able, capable, faithful, and worthy of all confidence.

SAMPSON-SHACKELFORD. Pretty Wedding in Albemarle County.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.) STONY POINT, VA., December 4.-A beautiful wedding was solemnized in Piedmont church, this place, yesterday the contracting parties being Mr. Joseph Watson Sampson, of Findowrie, nea Warson Sampson, of Findowrie, near Cismont, and Miss Minnie Rose Shackel-ford, the accomplished daughter of Dr. William C. Shackelford, of Dovedale. The church was tastefully decorated. A grace-ful arch of evergreens, from which was suspended a large wedding bell, composed of ferns and chrysanthemums, spanned the front of the chancel. At the rear flamed ten candles, surrounded with ever-greens and chrysanthemums. The winflamed ten candles, surrounded with evergreens and chrysanthemums. The windows were darkened, and beneath the
lamp light the scene was charming and
picturesque when the service was performed. The bildal party entered the
church to the strains of the wedding
march from Lohengrin, the bride leaning
on the arm of her father. The Rev. E.
Valentine Jones, of Grace church, officiated.

After the ceremony the happy couple were driven to the home of the groom. The bride was richly gowned in a travel-Ing costume of dark green cloth, velvet, and lace, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations, secured with pink ribbon. The mail of honor, Miss Jennie C. Shackelford, sister of age, after a brief iii with pink ribbon. The maid of honor, make the development consequent upon the last Legislature expires within two years, so that if the road is to be suit under it, it is necessary to compense operations very soon. Those in a continuous part of the bride, with a possible of the bride, with black ostrich plumes, and carried a bouquet of white satin streamers. There were no bridesmalds. Mr. A L. There were no bridesmaids. Mr. A. L. Stevens, of Cismont, was best man. The ushers were George W. Macon, Robert Carr, William Shackelford, and George O.

Carr, William Shackelford, and George O. Dickinson. Miss Eva Cleveland, of Charlottesville, presided at the organ.

A few of those present at the church were Mr. L. C. Watts and Miss Watts, Hunter Lewis, John B. Minor and Mrs. Minor, Lynn Gass, John W. Gass and family, Mr. Phil. Nelson and Mrs. Nelson Shackelford Cons. Gast. Mrs. son, Carr Shackelford, Gates Garth, Mrs Garth, and Miss Evelyn Garth, of Char-lottesville; Dr. Thurman, Miss Maud Garth, Frederick and Mrs. Page, Miss Lella Lewis, Miss Mabry Page, Robert Shackelford, Jr., Miss Mary A. Shackel-ford, John Purvis, Mrs. William C. Shack-elford. C. E. Dickinson, Miss Fannie C. elford, C. E. Dickinson, Miss Fannie C. Colquett, and Miss Emily Shackelford,

(Judy.)

Smith: You took me your friend sang like a bird. I think he has a horribly hoarse voice How can you say it is like Jones: Well the bird I meant was a

Some years ago there lived in England some years ago there have an England a certain bishop who was extremely pompous, and very fond of impressing upon the minds of the poorer people the evil of doing wrong. As they never seemed to do aught but wrong in the worthy man's opinion, it sometimes became inksome to these people to hear him conservity admonishing them to do these people to hear him con-stantly admonishing them to do right. One of the bishop's habits was to visit the miners a short distance from to visit the miners a short distance from his city, and his presence grew familiar to those tollers. During one of his calls he found a group of them talking together, and after a few preliminary words on his customary subject of doing right, he asked them what they were talking of. "You see." said one of the men, "we found a keettle, and us has been er trying who can tell the biggest loi to own the kettle."

The bishop was duly surprised, and read The hisnop was duly surprised, and read the men a lecture, in which he spoke of how strongly the offence of lying had been impressed upon him when he was young, and how he had never told a lie in the whole pourse of his life. He had

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OLD WEATHER TOOK THE PEO-PLE UNPREPARED.

Foxes Run Down-Preparing to Build a Fashionable Summer Re-

VA., December 5.-(Special.)-The sudde advent of winter this week took th ountry people so entirely by surprise that the one common exclamation among them was: "Caught unprepared!" Horses and cattle suffered as intensely with cold the first three days of the "snap" as they usually do during the most violent bliz-zards of winter, and already a large number of horses have something similar to the influenza so prevalent among them in the winter of 1889-'90.

Many thousands of wild geese and other wild water-fowls have come South this week, and some parts of the Potomac are No less than half a hundred foxes were

below King George. Had not the programme arranged for this week bee spoiled by bad weather, the slaughter o Northern Neck foxes would have beaten Mr. James Crismond, residing near

Commonwealth's-Attorney Thomas H. Bevan, of this county, has just returned home from Baltimore, where he has been visiting his sister, the wife of Hon, Isador Raynor.

Mrs. John E. Mason has returned to her home here after spanding come fits. It

home here after spending some time in Washington with her mother, Mrs. K. K. Henry,
Mr. Joseph Perry, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Emmernizer, in Baltimore, has returned to his home, in this neighborhood. TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

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The Washington capitalists, who recently purchased a part of the old Summerset estate, on the Potomac river in this county, have had streets, etc., laid off, and, it is said, the work of building a little town for a fashionable summer resort will begin immediately. The prospect of a watering-place in this county is exceedingly gratifying to our people, and all possible encouragement will be given the enterprise by King Georgians.

Mr. Andrew Burchell, of Stafford, has moved to this county and engaged in the mercantile business at Cash Corner.

The weather "prophet" who predicted that the "cold wave" would reach the Atlantic slope on November 22d, would do well to steer clear of certain King Georgians and Staffordians, who butchered their hogs on the strength of his "forecast." All last week fresh pork could be bought here at 25 cents per hundred pounds, and no one wanting to buy at that, the doss feasted on it. The farmers have promised themselves and their hogs not to butcher next year until they know the weather is cold, weather prophets to the contrary, notwithstanding. Mr. Cassius Frite, of this county, left Thursday for West Point to be ordained to the Episcopal ministry and take charge of the church there to-morrow.

REAL ESTATE SALE.

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Mr. Smith, an extensive Pennsylvania agriculturist, has purchased the elegant "Cottage" plantation, situated on the Potomac river, in this county, and will move here and begin operations right away. It is reported that Mr. Smith will erect a wharf and establish a regular steamboat landing on the premises, and open up other new enterprises in the neighborhood. Several other northern gentlemen have recently visited King George and examined the lands, &c., with a view to purchasing real estate and locating here.

The reports of the contractors and supervisors of the several districts show that the public roads of this county are now in a better condition than they have ever heen at this season of the year, even after taking into consideration the favorable weather during the summer and fall months. The new law under which the public highways have been worked since the first of May is proving satisfactory to the people, and the tax-payers of the county hope that under its continued operation the roads can be kept in order for less money than they cost under the old law.

The late intelligence from Washington to the effect that the Boltocrats who tried to add in the election of McKinley will not share in the distribution of "paying jobs" does not set well at all with a "certain element." "All work and no p(l)ay makes lack a dull boy." REAL ESTATE SALE.

BEVIES OF BRIDAL PAIRS.

low They and the People Enjoy Life at Old Point Comfort. (Special correspondence of the Dispatch.)
OLD POINT COMPORT, December 5.—
This is the time of year when Old Point
Comfort puts on its most hospitable air,
and its paintial hotels shelter rest- and
bleasure-seekers from all parts of the
country. Indeed, it is doubtful if any

other resort in America draws its patrons from such an extensive territory. They come from East, West, North, and South. And the bridal couples! It seems as if this charming retreat was made specially for the newly-wedded pairs, who are just starting out on the journey of life together, and to whom there is but one world with two in it. Well, there is truly everything here to make the honeymoon a honeymoon indeed. As a rule, the blissful couples avoid the gay throng and seek the many sheltered nooks around the rrim ramparts of Fort Monroe, where hey can squeeze hands and look into ach other's eyes. You have to be exertified in the walking about Old Point Comfort, for the corners are full of them, and you re liable to start them up as a dog does covey of partridges.

It's easy to tell 'em. The genial hotel eries can "spot" them every time. The avorite bridal route is by way of the cild Bay Line from Baltimore, because the trip down the Cheanceake is so quietly delightful and pleusant—no noise or bustle of the railroad. So, when the Alabama or Georgia reaches the dock here in the morning, the porters and "hoys" are on the lookout for the newly married. The clerk knows just where to give them rooms—and if you can find any more luxurious or comfortable quariers than at the hotels here you will have to look outside this country for them. They want a good breakfast, too, and quiek, for these wedding trips somehow give the ravellers a wonderful appetite, so the walters say, It's not all sentiment by a long shot, and some of the little ladies in their dainty gray gowns will astonish you with their capacity for the fried chicken, waifles, ornelets, quall on toast, and other delicacies cooked and served so deliciously at the famous hostelries of Old Paint.

so deliciously at the famous hostelries of Old Point. OH! THE TRUNKS. OH! THE TRUNKS.

Speaking of gray, that reminds me that most of the brides travel in gray. Occasionally you see another color, but not often. And the trunks they take! Sometimes there are four or five just for one little woman, but she uses their contents; for if there is a time when a girl wishes to look attractive, isn't it on her wedding trip? Of course it is, and they know it. The prettiest ones must all come to Old Point, for you seldom see one who isn't what Chimmie Fadden calls Chauncey Denew, a "peach." It is generally supposed that every couple goes to one of three places on their wedding trip—Old Point, Washington, or Nisagara Falls, but the other places cannot come up to Old Point as a Mecca for the newly mated. It is not an infrequent occurrence for nearly a hundred couples to be registered at the Chamberlin and the Hygeia at one time.

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They do so hate to leave, too. In fact, many who have planned a trip to include other resorts find it is so truly Old Point Comfort that they change their minds and stay right here until the last minutes, and before they go away you often hear "little wifey" say: "Now John, or Charlie or Henry (whatever the name may be), I want you to promise that you will bring me here a year from now when we celebrate our first anniversary."

And John does it, too.

You see there are the dances and the delightful music of the hotel orchestras, the drills, and the social events at the fort, the many places, such as the Newport News ship-yard, Hampton Institute, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and the many-pard; the fine hunting near by, and the many pleasant acquaintances one forms among the clite southern people who frequent Old Point. All these make the variety necessary. Old Point is never monotonous. Then the enjoyable trip up and down the Chesapeake by the Baltimore Steam-Packet Company's Old Bay Line route is one of the features long to be remembered with pleasure. These steamers have elegantly-appointed bridal staterooms, and have for a half century carried nuptial pairs on their first journey in life together.

Suggestion to "Johnny Reb."

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(Farmville Herald.)

The furniture and fixtures of the Exchange and Ballard houses have all been sold, and now, we presume, those old Virginia hostelries are to be finally locked, and in a short time give place to business structures. What memories cluster about them! Judge Farar knows as much of their history as any living man, and no one is better equipped for giving it expression. What say you to a lecture, Judge? Evenings at the Exchange.

Largest Cabinet on Record.

(Pittsburg Dispatch.)

President-elect McKinley will have the largest Cabinet of Record.

(Pittsburg Dispatch.)

President-elect McKinley will have the largest Cabinet ever gathered in Washington, if contemporary reports can be relied upon. Not less than 260 Cabinet officials have already been named, and it is yet three months until inauguration. Ringlet, in 2:23%, last half in 131, an

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